30.6.74 Periakanmai - 9.30 to 10.30 A.m / 5.30 to 6.30 p.m

Water will come for another twenty days - cloudy - no light winds.

In the morning the Painted Storks were far away. In the evening they were about 200 feet and they flew here and there. But they never flew so high as on the previous occasion.

Pelicans were completely absent.

Swifts. Common Green Bee Eaters. Larks were common in the harvested fields.

Terns - two kinds - were there. Ternlets chased each other in close combination.

61. Ternlet

62. Rosy Terns.

Total 62 for July

1-1-1974 Periakannmai North Kalingu - 8-45 to 10.30 A.M.

4 Points visible. Water flowing at full speed from Vaigai Canal touching the two banks of the canal. - Sunny - Northern wind

Heavy rains and low pressure condition during the last ten days. Vaigai almost full - rains around.

Due to flooding most of the birds not seen. Even common birds which I usually notice during early morning were not there. (Shrikes, Larks, Pied Cuckoo. Hoopee) Dove. Br. Myna etc)

Only one Bluetailed bee-Eater was there. Why the decrease in number I don't know. It has yellow tinged green allover the body and the size also a trifle large - most probably a young one.

Few Large Egrets were there in the flooded dry lands.

Usually Grey Heron have yellowish bills. I saw a large Grey Heron with rose tinged ~~beak~~ bill and thick black mark on neck.

Absence of Shikara even in the advanced winter is noteworthy

11 Grey Heron
12 Large Egret 55
13 Median Egret
14 White breasted Water Hen 54
15 Black Winged Stilt 53
16 Little Stint.
17 Spotted Sandpiper
18 Green Sandpiper 52
19 Common Sanpiper
20 ? Tern
21 White Breasted Kingfisher
22 Pied Kingfisher 51
23 Common Bee Eater
24 Blue. T. Bee Eater ??
25 Coucaul
26 Swallow (Common)
27 " Eropean ?
28 Palm Swift
29 Brown Swift ?
30 Purple Sunbird
31 White Throated Munia 50
32 Tree Pipit 49
33 Black Bl. Finchlark 48
34 Tree Pie 47
35 Red Wented Bulbul
36 Streaked Warbler
37 Tick Tick Warbler
38 Pied White WagTail 46
39 Baya Weaver

18.1.1974 – Sakkarakottai Kanmai 7.15 to 8.00 AM

Bright sunny day – No Binocular – water almost full in the kanmai – no sign of any bird in the Kamai – it will take another month for the tank to attract Flamingo which were not seen by me till now. On the way stopped near the church and photographed the Little Egrets – six exposures 1/100 – 8+11

56. Golden Oriole
Tree Pie
Blue Tailed Bee Eater
" Tern ?
Madras Bush Lark
57. Yellow throated Sparrow

21.1.74 இராமநாதபுரம் அரண்மனைப் பின் பகுதி
6.30 to 7.00 உள்ளேயும் - தெப்பக்குள வயல்வரம்
பண்பகுதி மேகமற்ற காலநேரம்.

Birds ~~are~~ were everywhere in ~~many~~ good numbers.
Two or three pairs of Orioles were there.
White breasted Kingfishers were making lot of noise and they were chasing each other.

~~One~~ pair of Large Pied Wagtails were seen engaged in nuptial rituals.

One Bird spread its wings bowing and whistling approached the other from about one feet distance. As soon as it ~~neared the~~ reaches its mate it made some peculiar movements and it flew away this happened three or four time and when an intruder approached the ... the flew away chasing it. The Night Herons were not there in the Palace backyard

Pied Large Wagtail
Blue tailed Bee Eater
Common Bee Eater
White Breasted Kingfisher
Pied Kingfisher
Golden Oriole
58 Hoopie
White breasted Water Hen
Common Babbler
Tee Tee Warbler.

22-1-74 Northen Kalinga - 7-00 - 8.15 P.M

Dew - Sunny - Bright - Morning -
what 14 points visible

A very succesful morning.
Today I had two records for Ramraj
A Quill and Black Headed Munia.
Black Winged Kite, Open billed Stork,
Shikara, Marsh Harrier were there after
a long interval. A good Photographs of
Pied Crested Cuckoo and Black
Headed Munia were also taken.

Warblers and sanpipers
were in good number.

Teals & Cormorans were
flying overhead.

A pair of Grey Wagtails
were seen. which will be an unusual
sight during this part of year.

P.T.O.

59 Grey Quail 11
60 Black Headed Munia 12
61 Grey Wagtail 13
62 Open billed Stork 14
63 Marsh Harrier
Cormorant
64 Common Teal
65 Cotton Teal
Common Sandpiper
66 Black Winged Kite
(with Two immature Bird)
67 Black Winged Stilt
Pied Crested Cuckoo
Common Bee Eater
Blue Tailed Bee Eater
Purple sun bird
Madras Bush Lark
Tree pipit
Richard's Pipit
Coucal
Brown Warbler
Reed Warble
Paddy field Warbler
L.R. Plover
Spotted sandpiper

White Breasted Kingfisher
White throated Munia
Paraakeet
68 White backed Munia
Tree Pie
Median Egret
Jungle Babbler
Hoopie
Red Vented Bulbul
69 Ring Dove
70 Brahminy Myna
? Tern
White Breasted Waterhen
Grey Patridge (Heard)
Yellow Thr Sparrow
Common Swallow
Palm Swift
Tailor Bird

52

31.1.74 North Kalingu - Peria Kanmai - by walk 6.30 to 8.30 A.M - Water Level 18 Points visible. - Bright sunny day - No Rain for the Past fifteen days

Took 10 Photographs - a closeup of Madras Bush Lark.

Pelicans in large flocks in the Peria Kanmai - about 100 to 150 Metres from the tank bund - But they flew away in their majestic diaganal line. No sign Felimingos - flew Teals and one Open billed stork.

Snipes were there in large numbers.

A single coromarant probably a large Cormorant.

Most of the birds enaged in the breeding activites.

Photographed to Parrots billing. While

White Breasted Kingfishers very noisy.

Sandpipers were also in good numbers.

P.T.O.

71 Spotted Billed Pelican
72 Large Cormorant ?
Little carmorant
73 Gaint Heron ? or Grey
Open Billed strok
Common Teal
Pin Tail ?
Grey Patritge (Heard)
White Breasted water Hen
Greenshank
Spotted sandpiper
Green sanpiper
Common sandpiper
Common Snipe
Brown Headed Gull
Indian River Tern
74 Indian Whiskered Tern
Ring Dove
Roseringe Parakeet
Pied Crested cuckoo
75 Indian Cuckoo
Koel
76 Little Greble

77 Scavenger Vulture.
Palm Swift
Pied Kingfisher
W. Breasted Kingfisher
Small Green Bee Eater
Blue Tailed Bee Eater
Madras Bush Lark
78 Singing Sky Lark ?
Swallow
79 Red Rumped swallow
Golden Oriole
Grey Drango
Brahmy Myna
Tree Pie
Jungle Babbler
80 Verditer Fly Catcher ?
S. Fantail Warbler
Ashy wren warbler.
Blyth Reed warbler.
Pipit
Grey wagtail
White Throated Munia

45 + 10
55

2.2.1974 Devipattanam Road upto 8 KM Mark
6.45 to 8.00 A.M

Bright sunny Morning - Dew in the early hours - second crop cultivation in progress in some fields.

One Pelican and few painted Storks were seen on the road side pools. Blue Tailed Bee Eaters in pairs were there. Grey Padridges and Larks were also in good numbers. The Tee Tee warblers were very numerous.

While returning 14 Grey Headed Mynas were seen near 4 k.m mark. They may be Rosy Pastors.

In a paddy planted field (only two or three days over) six kinds of water birds including Green Shank and Sanderlings, were seen. Due to favourable light position I was able to go very near just 10 meters to the birds which were about 50 in number ~~all~~

, No sign of Harriers only after 8.00 I think the will start flying.

P.T.O for List

Little cormorant
49 S.B. Pelican
50 Painted Stork
Grey Heron
51 Open B. Stork
52 Cattle Egret
Indian R. Tern

53 Spotted Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
54 Greenshank
55 Bartailed Godwit
56 Sanderling or
Lesser Sand Plover
L. Ringed Plover
57 Little Stint.

C. Green Bee Eater
Blue Tailed B Eater
W. Breasted Kingfisher

Madras Bush Lark
Tree Pipit
B. Bellied Finch Lark
Richard Pipit
58 Paddy field Warbler
Reed Warbler
59 Ring Dove
Golden Oriole

Grey Headed Myna
Rosy Pastor
60 Coucal
Pied Crested Cuckoo
Swallow
61 R. Rumped Swallow
Palm Swift
Ashy Swallow Shrike
62 Grey Patridge
63 Hoopie
R.R. Parakeet

35 + 10 = (45)

9.2.1974 Sethukarai Upto 1 k.m Mark 9-11.40 a.m

Partly cloudy hot day - light drizzling - walked from Thiruppulani

No sign of any bird in the Sakkarakkottai Kanmai except Gull billed & River Terns.

In the thorn forest near Sethukarai an Iora was noted for first time. Grey Headed Myna, Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike were also there. Golden Orioles were ~~very~~ numerous in numbers.

A Black Headed Ibis was noted near Thiruppullani for the first time in this season. Four Green Billed Malkoha were also noted. No sign of water birds in the back waters. The trip most interest essentially. The hot sun was very disturbing my idea of taking photographs not successful.

I was able to take three photo of a male Peacock on the tree in the Murugan temple. While returning Cormorants and Teals were noted in the pool of water behind Murugan Temple

11 Grey Heron.
12 Black necked Ibis
13 Indian Reef Heron
14 L. Ringed Plover
15 Lesser Sand Plover
16 B. Bellied Finch Lark
17 Madras Bush Lark
18 Richard's Pipit
19 Tree Pipit
20 Palm Swift
21 Common Swallow
22 Golden Oriole
23 Rose Ringed Parakeet
24 White Br. Kingfisher
25 Gull billed Tern
26 Blue Tailed Bee Eater
27 Green Bee Eater
28 Common Sandpiper
29 Purple Sunbird

Thorn Forest 3.00 to 1.00 Noon.

30 Lora
31 Black Headed Cucko Shrike
32 Grey Head Myna
33 Brahmany Myna
34 Indian Robin
35 Tailor Bird
36 Jungle Babbler
37 Golden Backed Wood Pecker
38 Purple R. Sunbird
39 Green Faced Malkoha
40 Tawny Eagle
41 Pied Crested Cuckoo
42 Reed Warbler ?
43 Ashy Swallow Shrike
~~47~~. Paradise Fly catcher
44 Lessor Cormorant
45 Common Teal
46 Coppersmith
47 White Headed Babbler
48 Peacock
4

Hoopie
Caddle Egret

40+10 = 50

number Continues
on the previous day.

9-2-74 Periakanmai Northern Kalingu 4.15 to 5.30

Bright sunny afternoon - Breeze from NW

WATER LEVEL 24 MARKS visible

In the afternoon it ~~was not~~ possible to list many birds. In the Periakanmai about 150 to 200 Pelicans assembled near the bund. I tried to Photograph them but before I approach the flew away to the otherside Immediatly a gun shot was heard. And the birds ~~took~~ flew to the centre of the kanmai. The Painted Strokes which took to wing flew over head and they started going up and up and circiling over head. Teals flew low over the water and settled in the other end.

Two Brahminy kites chased each other as if they were quarelling but it is only part of their breeding display

~~Only~~ 25 birds + 10 was noted during the trip. which were not listed for the month are given below.

64 White throated Munia
65 Shikara
66 Black winged Stilt

17-2-74 Devipattanam 3.00 P.M to 6.00 P.M

Bright sunny day - with heavy breeze from NORTH EAST - In salt pan work just started. Ulagi accompanied me - first went strait to the northern swamp and walked to ~~the~~ southern tip -

Caspian Tern in good numbers with coral read peaks - Pin Tails about 20 to 25 - Dusky Redshanks numerous only in the southern tip - Gulls - ~~Curlews~~ - Grey Plovers - Lesser Plovers - and other Bird - ~~Eastern~~ Reef Heron only 2 or 3. - White Bellied Sea Eagle - absence of Gaint Heron main feature. Terns not in good numbers.

People told. During Nov. Dec. Jan Birds were there in thousands.

BIRD catchers from Ramnad operating there also.

Taken Three Photographs of Indian Reef Heron 5.30 P.M 1/60 - 8 - other shots of the Navagraghams and Boats.

Near Devipattanam

77 Caspian Tern
76 Pin Tails
Common Teals
75 Dusky Red Shanks
74 Black Backed Gulls
73 Brown Headed Gulls
72 Caspian Tern
River Tern
71 Curlew
70 Grey Plover
~~Greely Shank~~ Greenshank
Lesser Sand Plover
Indian Reef Heron
Richards Pipit
69 Spotted Dove
Spotted Sanpiper
Madras Bush Lark
68 White Bellied Sea Eagle
Kentish Plover

En Route.

Grey Heron
Palm Swift
Common Swallow
B.T. Bee Eater
78 Koel
White Breasted Kfisher
R.R. Parakeet
Common Bee Eater
B.B. Finch Lark
Green Sandpiper.
Common Sandpiper
Blyths warbler
~~Jungle~~ Babbler.
79 Rock Piegeon
80 House Swift

21.2.74 Periakamai Northern Kalingu 6.30 to 7.45 A.M

What happens to be an unusually Luck Day for a Bird watcher. 54 Birds in all noted only new birds for the month noted below. Water Lever 30 Marks Below

No Pelicans in the early hours. Snipes in good numbers. Common Teals in good numbers. Shrikes noted - Warblers in large numbers.

81 Spoon Bill
82 Golden Backed Wood Pecker
83 The Kestral.
84 Red Vented Bulbul
85 Black Winge Stilt
86 Spotted Munia
87 Brown Shrike
88 Grey Shrike
89 White Breasted King fisher
90 Wood Snipe
91 Golden Snipe
Tinged

24·2·74 Sakkarakottai Kanmai & Lakshimi Oooroni thorn forest } 9·30 to 10·45 A.M

Bright sunny day - No coulds only today the day become very warm & hot water decreasing very fastly.

The Night Herons which used to stay at the Palace compound were seen in the thorn forest. They may thought that because of water it. Few Teals were there. In the Sakkarai kottai Kanmai No sign of Pelicans or Feliemingos or Painted Stork. But in the far of western end some white dots were visible. Few Teals were there.

92 Yellow throated Sparrow

93 Grey Drango

94 Coppersmith

95 Night Heron

96 White Scavenger Vulture

MARCH - 1974 - 3.3-1974.

KAVANOOR:- Peria Kanmai - 3.30 to 6.00 P.M.

Heavy Rains ~~for the ta~~ on 28-2-74 and 1-3-1974. All the paddy field and Local Tanks flooded - But No water from Vaigai - Level at Peria Kanmai 28 Marks Visible - Harvesting and planting going on in full swing.

In Kavanoor I was able to saw more 300 Painted Storkes and about 50 to 100 Spotted Pelicans. The water level was very poor. About 4.00 P.M the Painted Storks started feeding in a file of 4 to 5 the marched along the other end of the tank. Thier speed is remarkable. Few Pelicans were also with them. Some Birds flew from behind and form the vanguard of the movement. At about 4.45 everything was still. They sat quietly considerable numbers of young ones were in the party. Thier

bills flesh red contrasted in the afternoon sun with that of the grown ups. and their size also was a pointer.

In the Middle part of the tank I obsereved Pelicans and few painted storks occupying tree tops (நாட்டுக் கருவேலம்) They deliberatly avoided trees in the edges and used them as a screen and protection. 10 to 15 trees were occupied. The damaged state of the tree tops indicates that they must be nest. The young ones also points the same. So they breed here after two years interval. I should visit the place after ten days and should try to approach the tank.

List next page.

Larks were in good numbers

1 Spotted Billed Pelican
2 Grey Heron
3 Median Egret
4 Painted Stork
5 Lesser Whistling Teals
6 Common Teal
7 Kestrel
8 White Breasted Water hen
9 Kentish Plover
10 Little Ring Plover
11 Lesser Sand Plover
12 Spotted Sandpiper
13 Little Stint
14 Painted Snipe (Second time
15 ~~River~~ Gullbilled Tern
16 Rock Pigeon
17 Ring Dove
18 Koel
19 Palm Swift
20 Alpine Swift
21 W.B. Kingfisher
22 B.T. Bee Eater
23 Gr Bee Eater
24 Madras Bush Lark
25 Ashy Crowned Finchlark
26 Singing Sky Lark
27 Crested Lark
28 Eastern Swallow
29 Golden Oriole
30 Grey Drongo
31 Brahminy Myna
32 Jungle Babbler
33 Blyth Reed Warbler
34 Streaked Fantail Warbler
35 Lotens Sunbird

35+10=45

14.3.74 - Sakkarai kottai Kanmai - 6.30 to 7.00 A.M.

Bright sunny Day - Water almost full what a contrast to the last years position when the tank is almost dried up by this time.

No sign ~~sign~~ of any bird ~~bird~~ in the Kanmai Except few Terns. Water will last upto May. 31. or even further.

36 Indian Whiskered Tern 48 Coppersmith

37 Hoopie

38 Richard's Pipit

39 Tree Pipit

40 Yellow Wattled Lapwig.

41 Spotted Munia

42 Grey Shrike

43 Yellow throated Sparrow

44 Shikara?

45. Cattle Egret

46 ~~Alexandrian~~ Rose Ringed Parakeet

47 Purple Sunbird

16.3.74 - Periakanmai - 6.00 to 7.45 A.M.

Bright sunny day - The water just to ~~Aff~~ acress East of the single Tree.

After a long wait of about 4 months I was lucky today to saw five Felimingoes for this season. Where there with 100 to 500 birds only five were there.

Indian Whiskered Tern attain the black in the belly and ~~another Tern~~ Gull billed Tern with black head were numerous. One Brown headed Gull with head just turning into black. was also seen. The association of Pelicans and Gulls was a notable future. The Pelicans travelled a lot within one hour.

Due to second crop operations Plover and sandpipers were in large numbers in the harvested paddy fields. The Wagtails with (Grey + Yellow?) beautiful yellow body arrived ~~to~~ in their return journey

Spot billed Pelican
48 Large Cormorant
Grey Heron
Median Egret
49 Night Heron
Painted Stork
50 Open billed Stork
51 Spoonbill
52 Felimingo
Lesser Whisting Teal
Common Teal
53 Spot-bill ?
White breated Waterhen
54 Grey Patridge
L. R. Plover
Kentish Plover
Lesser Sand Plover
55 Green Shank
56 Redshank
Spotted Sandpiper
57 Common Sandpiper
~~Knot~~
58 Sanderling

Little Stint.
59 Br headed Gull
60 Gull billed Tern
Indian Whiskered Tern
Pied Crested Cuckoo
Grey Drongo
Alpine Swift
Palm Swift
61 Golden backed Woodpecker
Singing Skylark
Eastern Swallow
62 Brown Shrike
63 Southern Tree Pie
64 ~~Black~~ headed Cuckoo Shrike
65 Peafowl.
66 Redwen Ged Bubul
Jungle Babbler
Brah Myna
Streaked F. Warbler
Blyth Reed Warbler
67 Paddyfield Warbler

43+10=53

17. 3. 1974 Vaigai Tharavai - 3.30 to 5.00 p.m.

With Prof Abraham - by bus upto Kalukoorani 1 Km walk - sunny day - sand flats almost dried up - water only in the central canal - No sign of Golden Plovers - on the way Shrikes as usual in good numbers.

68 Little Greble
Shikara
Grey Heron
Indian Shag or)
Little Cormorant)
Cattle Egret
Median? Egret.

69 Bartailed Godwit
Dunlin
Lesser sand Plover

70 Golden Plover (one)?
71 Black Winged Stilt
Spotted sandpiper
Sanderling
Gullbilled Tern
Grey Drongo
Alpine Swift
Common Gr. Bee Eater
Palm Swift

72 Spotted Dove
73 Indian Robin
74 Wood Shrike
75 Rufous Shrike
76 Bay Backed Shrike
Easter Swallow
Redvented Bulbul
Brahminy Myna
Purple sunbird
B. Bell Finch Lark
Singing Sky Lark
Madras Bush Lark
Blyth Reed Warbler
Jungle Babbler

33 + 10 = 43

20.3.1974 Kavanoor - Periakanmai North Kalingu

6 AM to 8 A.

heavy dew after 5.30 A.M. - Sunny day.
Kavanoor Kanmai dried up - water only in the ditches - few Open billed Storks and Painted Storks flew away from the Kanmai - no sign of birds on tree tops.

[illegible] of [illegible] in the dry fields. Larks in good numbers - very noisy -

Saw a Open billed Storks feeding for about 5 minutes. Three kinds of warblers seen.

Blue Tailed Bee Eater absent?

77 Marsh Harrier
78 Pied Kingfisher
79 Green Sandpiper
80 Spotted Owlet

water level Below 28 Mark.

24.3.1974 Sethukarai - 6.00 to 9.00 A.M.

Bright sunny day - New Moon. Water almost at low ebb - a new sand bund emerging near the lagoon's mouth.

Cuckoo shrikes, Greenbilled Malkohas, Golden Orioles, Golden Backed Woodpecker were in numbers in the thorn forest.

The small boys there told that Pitta used to visit that place every year during rainy season. Next year I should fix it up.

In the lagoon Golden Plovers Lesser Sand Plovers were in good numbers.

A sucessful trip - But the hot sun after 9.00 very depressing. Now there are ~~two~~ three buses in the morning for Sethukarai.

On the way back noticed many birds.

Water level in the Sakkarakottai kanmai ~~drying up fast~~ decreasing sharply. List P.T.O.

Grey Heron
Open billed Stork
81 Lesser Sand Plover
Golden Plover
82 Large Sand Plover

Common Sanpiper
83 Wimbrel
Green Shank
Spotted Sandpiper
84 Avocet Sandpiper

Gull billed Tern
85 Caspian Tern
Spotted Dove
Palm Swift
Alpine Swift
Pied Crested Cuckoo
Common Swallow
Green Bee Eater
Madras Bush Lark
B. Bellied Finch Lark
Eastern Swallow.
Golden Oriole

Grey Drango
Brahminy Mnya
Jungle Babbler
86 Common Babbler
Purple Sunbird
87 Paradise Fly Catcher
88 Cuckoo Shrike (Banded)
Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike
91 Tailor Bird
89 Ashy Swallow Shrike
90 White Throated Munia
91 Green Billed Malkoha
Golden Backed Wood Pecker
Coppersmith
Peafowl
92 Indian Robin
Rose Ringe Parakeet
Red Vented Bulbul
White Warbler (Leaf)
Blyth Reed Warbler
Hoopie
Coucoal
Sotted owlet

47 + 10
57

29.3.1974 Periakanmai - 6.15 to 7.15 A.M.

Bright sunny weather. What has not yet withdrawn beyond the lone tree.

A group of 500 Teals flew from west and came down on the waters

The number of Felimingos to day was about 30

The was no sign of Pelican. Only two Painted Storks were there. Three men were just in the middle of the tank fishing

A groupps of Cormorants flew from the tank towards east.

Small waders like stints, sand erlings, L.R. Plovers were in large numbers

Larks were singing in loud voice and one flew very high in the and was there for more than five minutes.

31.3.74 Devipattanam 3.00 to 6.30 P.M

Hot sunny day. Moon Astami - out skirts of salt field almost dry - High tide slowly rising and reached the near high tide mark by 5-30 P.M

Lesser Sand Plovers, Little Stints were in hundreds. 10 to 20 Golden Plovers near sea shore - Black Headed Gulls attained full black of their head. Godwits in good numbers. Grey Plovers not yet got Black on the Breasts. No sign of any Indian Reef Heron in Black phase.

White Bellied Sea Eagle fought with a Brahminy Kite and snatched a fish from it triumphantly.

On the way saw a Pied Harrier and while returning a common King fisher.

31.3.74 Devipattanam and back.

Birds Seen

Birds Seen on Way to Devipattanam

Little Grebe
W.B. Kingfisher
Hoopie
Gr. Bee Eater
Palm Swift
Brown Swift
Cattle Egret
Madras Bush Lark
93 PIED HARRIER
Grey Drongo
Bl. Bellied Fin Lark

Devipattanam

Rock Pigeon
Black Headed Gull
Brown Headed Gull
94 ~~LE~~SSER BLACK BACKED GULL
BARTAILED GODWIT
Caspian Tern
Common Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper
95 GREY PLOVER
Golden Plover
96 INDIAN REEF HERON (WP)
97 CURLEW
Green Shank
98 WHITE BELLIED SEA EAGLE
Ashy Swallow Shrike

ON way BACK.

Coucoul
White Breasted Water Hen
Ring Dove
Spotted Dove
Grey Heron
99 COMMON KINGFISHER
Rose R. Parakeet
Singing Skylark

31+10=41

100 Yellow wattled Lapwing
on 24.3.74, while on journey to Uttarakosamangai

100

APRIL 1974

14.4.1974 Periakanmai - kalingu 6.00 - 8.00 A.M.

The water just touching the single Acacia the kanmai. After an interval of fifteen days the kanamai makes me wander with the abourndance of birds.

50 to 70 Fllimingos were there. Pelicans and Painted Storks were there in large huge flocks. Open billed Storks and Spoonbills are in lesser numbers. Small warders were also in good number The absense of Gulls noticable.

Near the kalingu the pool is drying up. Only Common sanpiper and Spotted Sand piper seen.

An young Grebe which was relectant to fly cheated the people who wanted to catch ~~them~~ it.

Cattle Egrets with breeding plumage were seen in flocks.

Dorongos are very active and drove all birds away.

1 Little Grebe
2 Flimingo
3 Pelican
4 Painted Stork
5 Grey Heron
6 Openbilled Stork
7 Spoonbill
8 Cattle Egret
9 Night Heron
10 Large Egret
11 Median Egret
12 Indian Wiskered Tern
13 Another Tern
14 Common Sandpiper
15 Spotted Sandpipers
16 Little Stints
17 Shikara
18 Pied Kingfisher
19 W.B Kingfisher
20 Pied Crested Cuckoo
21 Grey Drango
22 Rose R. Parakeet
23 Golden Oriole
24 Brahmy Myna
25 Madras Bush Lark
26 B. Bellied Fing Lark
27 Richard Pipit
28 Grey Wagtail
29 Purple Sunbird
30 Lotens Sunbird
31 Byth Reed Warbler
32 Ashy Wren Warbler
33 Jungle Babler
34 Roufous Shrike
35 Common Green Bee Eater
36 Swallow
37 Palm Swift
38 House Swift
39 Coucoal
40 Red vented Bulbul
41 Spotted Munia
42 White throated Munia
43 Yellow throated Sparrow
44 Spotted owlet

44 + 10 = 54

54 =

17.4.74 Sakaraikottaikanmai 6.00 to 7.00 A.M.

Water just receding from the bund. Few Grey Herons Large Egrets were seen. At a distance about 100 to 300 Teals or Cormorants seen.

At this time of the year the Drangos are very active.

A Koel sat on a dry branch and coed.

Two female Golden Orioles and a young Shikara with white spots above seen.

One one Gull billed Tern and one Black Headed Gull were seen No sign of Indian whiskered Tern.

Small waders and sandpipers cumpletly absent.

Felemingo and other birds which were numerous in the Peria Kanmai were absent here. Situation was quite contarary to that of last year.

55 Coppersmith
56 Koel
57 Common Babbler
58 Gull-billed Tern
59 Brown Headed Gull
60 White breasted Water Hen
61 Hoopie
62 Grey Patridge
63 White Pied Wagtail
64 Singing Skylark
65 Ring Dove
66 Rock Pigeon.

No sign of Blue Tailed Bee Eater.
Saw two mongooses near the culvert.
Large Egrets in usual posture.

17.4.1974 Periakanmai 5.30 to 6.30 P.M.

By walk to Muthina - then towards the culvert - and return by Nainarkoil Road.

About 800 to 1000 birds ~~come~~ down ~~f~~ on the water from the far end. Probably Teals -

55 filimingos in the middle of the water.

Solitary Brown Headed Gulls. circles the water. Two Green sandpipers seen

Pelicans about 500 in number were sitting in the far northern end in three groups and probably they were fising.

A Pair of Cattle Egrets with full breeding plumage seen near Muthina. A Painted Snipe surprising me near Muthina in the marsh

67. Painted Snipe
68. Green sandpiper
69. Indian Robin

21.4.74 Periakanmai - 6.30 to 8.00 A.M.

Hot day - dew in the early moring no breeze - water just touching the single tree - still flowing out of North Kalingu.

To day I crossed the canal inside the kamai with some difficulty and approached huge flocks of Painted Storks. They were in groups of 300 to 400. Two such large groups and small groups with lesser numbers were numerous. Painted Storks in all were about 2000 to 2500.

Felimingos absent.

Pelicans in the far off side.

10-15 Green Shanks - Teals were also there. Open billed Storks about 50.

Gulls absent -

Indian Whiskered Terns making shrill loud noise and they paired. Still some without the black on the bellie. Their style of turning peculiar. Photographed. Chick of Brahminy kite out of nest. Spotted owlet also disapparsed.

23.4.74 Sakkaraikottaikanmai 6.15 to 7.00 a.m.
Crossed Rail Line - West End

Partly cloudy - chill morning - water level fairly good. Water will be there for another month

Spoon Bills, Open Bills, Painted Storks were there in good numbers. Few Teals and one or two Gulls were also noticed. The absence of Plovers noticeable. They must have gone for the breeding grounds.

On ~~the~~ I saw a birdcatcher with a Little Egret as [illegible]. Two Egrets were about to fall fry in the net. But they escaped.

Small birds not in good numbers.

28.4.74 Periakanmai College End 4.00 to 5.[illegible] pm

Photographed Pelican about 200 metres away. Gulls, Grey Herons, Little Egrets were in a group about 75 metre distance. The Gulls are very noisy. and they were chasing one another. Three varieties of Terns were seen. One with very narrow long wings again seen. Indian Whiskered Terns were noisy.

Pelicans and Painted storks were in separate groups. I saw ~~three~~ seven Painted Storks flying E-SE against heavy winds with much difficulty.

70. Black Headed Gull
71 Lesser Black Backed Gull.

MAY-1974

2-5-1974 Peria kanmai & North Kalinga
6.00 to 8.30 A.M - Sunny Day - But
gentle breeze from south. Water
receded beyond the single tree
plouging operations inside the
kanmai in full swing -

Painted Stork about 500 to 200
in the northern in groups of 50 to 100. Peli
cans in the ~~South~~ south west End in groups.
Numbers of Spoonbills increased.

50 to 60 Gloden Plovers
in full breeding plumage in the
ploughed field near water edge.

But the yellow Headed Wagtails
which were there in hundred comp-
letty absent to-day.

Black Winged Stilts and
few Teals were also seen.

Dunlins and other small
waders Colleted in good numbers.

Absence of Felimingo
Little Ringe Plover
Blue tailed Bee Eater
Brahminy Myna
Common Sandpiper
were note worthy.

By about 8:15 a Marsh Harrier flew over head near the Kalingo and a crow chased it away. But to-day it flew at a considerable Hieght.

Cattle Egrets in full breeding dress. Realey beautiful to look at. // Sun birds and Weavers in eclipse plumage.

A single Snipe notable.

A Tern + one or Two Gulls.

2.5.74 continued

As the day advances the Painted storks which standing in the water came to the land and all of them assemble in a huge flock. Even works in the near by field doesn't disturb them.

There association with Pelican in the early part of the season and their separate flock formation in the later part during April May noticable. During April the Gulls associate with Pelicans and follow them probably for the tit bits which misses the Pelica

11 Spotted Billed Pelicans
12 Grey Heron
13 Median Egret
14 Cattle Egret
15 Painted Stork
16 Openbilled Stork
17 Common Teal
18 Wigeon or Pintail ?
19 Tawny Eagle
20 Marsh Harrier
21 White Breasted Water Hen
22 Dunlin
23 Black Winged Stilt
24 Golden ~~Plover~~ Plover (50 to 60)
25 Spotted sandpiper
26 Solitary Snipe
27 Common sandpiper?
28 Pied Crested Cuckoo
29 River Tern
30 ~~Spotted~~ Ring Dove
31 Koel
32 R. R. Parakeet
33 Palm Swift
34 House Swift
35 Common Swallow
36 W. B. Kingfisher
37 Pied Kingfisher

38 Grey Drongo
39 Common Green Bee eater.
40 Madras Bush Lark
41 Ashy Crowned Finch Lark
42 Crested Lark
43 Tree Pipit.
44 Jungle Babbler
45 Striated Warbler
46 Ashy Reed Warbler
47 Sunbird
48 Weaver Bird
49 Coppersmith
50 Pied Wagtail
51 Tree Pie
52 Coucal
53 Redvented Bulbul.
54 Grey Patridge (Heard)
55 White throated Munia
56 Spoon bill
57 Indian Robin.
58. Little Cormorant

3.5.74 Bakkaraikottaikanmai - 6-00 to 7-00 am.

The water withdrawn for about 100 metres from the roadside bund. Cultivation operations started. Mosted of the birds in the western deep end. Not in big groups as in the Peria Kanmai. Black necked Ibis were in small group. Two Wood Shrikes building nest. ~~Painted~~ The water will last for about fifteen days. Absence of Terns and Gulls noticable.

59. Shikara
60 Wood Shrike
61 (Black necked) White Ibis
62 yellow throated Sparrow
63 ~~Black~~ Little Grebe.

Binocolor strap broken and it fell from my shoulder to the road making a great noise while cycling, fortunatly ~~nothing~~ no damage was done.

3.5.74 Periakamai South College End 4.30 to 6.00

Sunny Windy afternoon - By cycle to Muthina and College End.

200 to 300 spoon bills and about 500 Painted storks in separate Groups. 100 to 200 Pelican actively fishing. Lesser Blacked Gull about 20 to 30 in association with them. Wonderful sight - due to water depletion fishes which were afraid of Pelicans jump up in Groups and the Gulls knackly got hold of them. Wherever there were fishing men the Gulls circled around them. Water will come for another fifteen days. Photographed with ordinary Lens.

64. Lesser Black Backed Gulls
65. Brown Headed Gull
66. Herring Gull
67. Indian Whiskered Tern
68. Crested Tern
69. Ashy Swallow Shrike
70. White Headed Babler.

Group of Teals flew in a V formations.
Terns in Good numbers.

5.~~4~~5.74 Devipattanam ~~3~~5.30 to 6.00 P.M

Sunny day - Wind from ~~South~~ west - salt pan operations in full swing. FULL MOON DAY - SEA RECEEDED only after 4.00 -

About 200 White eyed Pochard were in the tip. ~~assem~~ The flew away when I approched. But clear white wing bars and black under parts good evidence. Grey Plovers in eclipse and breeding plumage were about 20 in number. Only one curlew was seen. Absence of Indian Reef Herns in black plumge noticable. Sand Plovers, Dunlinds, stints and other small birds in breeding dress were about 500 in numbers. They were not as weary as they usually does.

Two White Bellied Sea Eagles were seen sitting in a wave driven wood about 100 metres inside the sea.

White returning noticed the Ashy Swallow Shrikes in good numbers. A successful trip.

71. White Bellied Sea Eagle (2)
72 Curlew (1)
73. Grey Plovers (15)
74. White Eyed Pochard (about 200)
75 Indian Reef Heron (white phase) 5
76 Lesser Sand Plover
77 ~~Indian Courser~~ Knot ?
78 ~~Ruff~~ ?
79 Caspian Sand Plover
80 Large Sand Plover
81 Dunlin
82 Little Stint (1)
83 Knot
84 Curlew Sandpiper

} all assembled in a large gathering of about 300 to 400 Birds in the Northern end mostly in breeding plumage

85. Night Heron
86. Hoopie
} on the way to Devipattinam.

25-5-74 Periakanmai - North Kaliyu - 6.00 to 7.30 A.m

Water Rleased from Vaigai on 7.5.74 and the Periakanmai was half full. It is a rare thing that water fieleasing for irrigation during May. The water level is beyond the single tree and it submerged Cucumber and other cultivation.

No water sweeping in the fields around the Kanmai. The Pelicans and Painted Strokes completly absents. Grey Herons, Teals, Egrets and Cormorants were seen. High winds.

Two Black winged Kites in the northern end. as usual seen this season also.

Pied Crested Cuckoo's completely absent.

Common Green Bee Eaters were without the wire tail.

87 Common Kingfisher
88 Blackwinged Kite.
Madras Bush Lark
B. B. Finch Lark
W. B. Kingfisher
Pied King fisher
Common Bee Eater
Palm swift
Common Swift
Tree Pie
Striated Warbler
Ashy Wren Warbler
Purple Sunbird
R. Ringed Parkeet
Ring Dove
Rock Pigeon
Grey Drongo
Cattle Egret
Grey Heron
Painted Stork

20 + 10
= 30

31.5.1974 Sethukarai 6.15 to 8.45 A.M.

By bus to Sethukarai - Partly cloudy high winds - Few drops of rain -

Trip not successful - most of the birds in the Thorn forest gone -

Absence of

Pied Crested Cuckoo

Brahminy Myna

Blue Tailed Bee Eater

were noticable. They were not found even around Ramnad.

Green Faced Malkoha also not seen.

In the sea coast - Terns were seen - about 15 - They were chasing each other - noisy - with fish in their mouths.

Near the Lagoon in the sea the sand bed and bars were visible.

I had taken four Photographs.

In the Korn forest there the usual ~~are no~~ birds were absent.

1. Grey Heron
2. Open billed Stork
3. Lesser Sand Plover
4. Common Sandpiper
89 5. Ternlet
90 6. Golden Backed Woodpecker.
7. Ashy Swallow Shrike
8. Grey Drongo.
9. Rose Ringed Parakeet
10. B.B. Finch Lark
11. Jungle Babbler
12. Common Babbler
13. Indian Robin
14. Peafowl
15. Redvented Bulbul
16. Common Green Bee Eater
17. White ~~Breasted~~ Breasted K-fisher
18. Indian Reef Heron ?
19 Rock Piegon
20 Madras Bush Lark

20 + 10 = 30

Total for May 90

JUNE - 1974.

Periakanmai - 4-6. 74 - 5-45 AM to 7.45 AM.

Hot morning - no wind - water just touching the single tree - operations in full swing in cucumber fields.

One Flamingo surprised me and while returning I saw a group of about ten in the far off end. No Pelicans or Painted Storks. But Painted Storks daily hover round ves Ramnad in its daily flight.

Saw six Pied Crested Cuckoos Their absence on 25.5.74 a mystery. Black winged stilts about half a dozen. Terns also were in small numbers. No Bird was seen in a large collection as during first week of May.

Fire work noise to scare away birds -

~~Ab~~sence of Blue Tailed Bee Eater and Brahmny Myna notable

11 Flimingo (10)
12 Open billed Stork (20)
13 Grey Heron (30)
14 Spoon Bill (70)
15 White Ibis (5)
16 Black winged Stilt
17 Common Teal
18 Little Grebe
19 Pochards & Wigeon
20 Painted Storks (in flight)
21 ~~Little Ringed~~ Kentish Plover
22 Black winged kite
23 Median Egret
24 White Breasted Waterhen
25 River Tern
26 Pied Crested Cuckoo
27 Koel.
28 Ring Dove
29 R.-R. Parakeet
30 Palm swift
31 House swift
32 W. B. Kingfisher
33 Pied Kingfisher
34 Grey Drongo
35 Common Beed BeeEater
36 Madras Bush Lark
37 Ashy Crowned Finch Lark
38 Singing Skylark
39 Richard's Pipit (1)?
40 Tree Pipit
41 Jungle Babbler
42 Striated warbler
43 Ashy Reed warbler
44 Purple Sunbird
45 Weaver Bird
46 Pied Wagtail
47 Coucal
48 Redvented Bulbul
49 Grey Patridge (Hen)

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50 Night Heron
51 Coppersmith
52 Rock Pegion

6.6.74 - Lakshimi Oorumi Route - Railway Station - back 6.15 to 7.45 A.M.

Still there water in the small tank and Paddy standing nearby field. In the Big tank there is little water in the pools.

53. Indian Robin
54. White throated Munia
Tawny Eagle ?
White Breasted water Hen
White Breasted Kingfisher
~~White throated Munia~~
Night Heron
Medium Egret
Coppersmith
Palm swift
Brown swift
Ashy wartler
Coucal
Koel
R.R. Parakeet

15-6-74 Periakanmai - 6.00 to 7.00 A.M.

- Windy - water just touching the single tree - it will last for another month. Just now fresh Agri operations started in few fields.

Birds Spoon bills and Painted Storks came in groups of 10 to 20 from East every early morning. ~~Huge~~ flocks of Pelicans seen on the far end.

Few Black winged Stilts, Teals - Ducks - Grey ~~Pelic~~ans were also seen.

Pied Crested Cuckoos seen in good numbers.

Mynas ~~is~~ collected in large flocks

55. Pelicans
56. Cattle Egret
~~Median Egret~~
57. Spotted owl
58. Purple Rumped Sunbird.

23. 6·74 Periakanmai - 5.00-6.30 A.M
25. 6. 74 Periakamai 6.00-7.30 A.M

Water will come for another thirty days.

On 23rd saw two huge collection of Painted Storks about 800 in number. By 5.45 they all rose up circled and seperated into two groups. One flew towards east. Another circled up and up. Buth the second group come down after ten minutes and followed the first group. The first group also returned back. They met near Kavanoor circled up and the flew towards east. forming 5 or 6 groups. They were visible ~~in the~~ through Binoculours even at 6.15 they will be about 10 or 12 K.M east. [Very beautiful sight.]

On 25th morning observed Painted Storks and Spoonbills coming from east from 6.00 A.M to 7.30 A.M. Painted Storks in groups of 10 to 12 to 60 to 70. and all alighted at single place. There peculiar grazing (Ozongai) habit which I observed at Kavanoor 3 months back was observed here also.

Grey and Purple Herons Open bills, Bl. Winged Stilts, Teals were also seen. Absence of flemingos.. No Pelicans?

One group of Painted stork came from south. 6 in numbers.

59. Common Kingfisher.

27.6.74 Lakshmi Coruni route. 6.45 to 7.45 Am

Paddy Harvested - Little water in the wayside pool. Saw a Grey Heron sitting on a tree spreading its wing like Cormorant. Few nest of Egrets noticed near the pool.

Grey Heron
White Breasted K.f.
Night Heron
Common K. fisher
Pied W. Wagtail
Koel
R. R. Parakeet
Indian Robin
Common Bee Eater
Weaver Bird
Tailor Bird
White throated Munia
B. B. Finch Larch
Tree ~~Pipitt~~
60. Hoopie